

# The District 3 Slate

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County Supervisor Pam Slater

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Dear friend:

Throughout my service as a County Supervisor, I have come to know many people well, and I have developed a deep appreciation for your love of San Diego County and for your work to improve the quality of life here.

With the changes to the Third District because of redistricting, I now will be working with new constituents in Escondido, who I am sure share that same love of San Diego County.

It's been my privilege to work with residents of the San Dieguito Valley on many issues, and we can point to numerous accomplishments: new bridges at La Bajada and Camino del Norte, improvements at the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society and the community's Senior Center, better equipment for the area's fire departments.

So as the Third District Supervisor, I say thanks to the San Dieguito Valley, and welcome Escondido!

*Pam Slater*

## Redistricting creates new look for Third District

Despite strong opposition from Supervisor Pam Slater, the Third District of the County of San Diego will be significantly changed under a plan approved by the Board of Supervisors.

In order to ensure that political districts contain about the same number of people, the law requires local governments such as San Diego County to redraw the boundaries of political districts following a census.

Setting aside two plans recommended by the county's redistricting advisory committee, which heard about five months of public testimony, board members instead approved a plan submitted by Supervisor Bill Horn that was only made public one week before the board's meeting.

That plan shifts all of the rural, unincorporated and largely undeveloped areas in the San Dieguito Valley into the Fifth District, represented by Horn. The San Dieguito Valley includes the areas of Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

District 3 gains the City of Escondido.

South Carlsbad also is moved into the Fifth District, and the neighborhood of Mission Beach will now be part of the First District.

Slater supported either of two plans that were proposed by the county's redistricting committee. She voted against Horn's proposed redistricting plan because it did not keep communities of interest together.

"Although it's difficult to say that someone would create a map for their own benefit, it's hard to say why else this map was drawn," Slater said. "This plan was wrong from the start. The San Dieguito area has much much more in common with the coastal communities than it does with inland North County."

Slater added that she found it ironic that



Horn lost the City of Escondido in his last election and that Escondido was the only area moved out of his district.

The Third District needed to change to keep each district at an average population of about 563,000. The Third District and the Fifth District needed to lose population, and the other districts needed to gain population.

The new boundaries take effect in August.

"I am sorry to no longer represent the citizens of San Dieguito Valley," Slater said. "But I look forward to representing a city that is one of the powerhouses of North County."

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# County, city & school district add deputies at Encinitas schools

Acting to keep local schools safe, the County Board of Supervisors has approved a request from Sheriff Bill Kolender to provide deputies at Encinitas schools.

Supervisor Pam Slater, who represents Encinitas and other North County coastal cities as the Third District Supervisor, voted this month with her fellow board members to add two

school resource officers for Encinitas.

The two deputies will be provided through the City of Encinitas' contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement.

"The tragic school shootings at Santana and Granite Hills High Schools showed how valuable these officers can be," Slater said.

"But these officers do so much more than just respond to emergencies. They help keep students in class, they help school officials address issues before they become problems, and they help provide students with a safe environment in which to learn."

The Sheriff's deputies plan to start working with the San Dieguito Union High School

District in September.

One officer will be assigned full-time to the San Dieguito Academy, and the other officer will rove between schools within the district.

Funds from a Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) grant will help pay for the school resource officers. The City of Encinitas will cover the remaining costs.



**Recognition:** Supervisor Pam Slater honors, from left, Judge Thomas Hendricks, Deputy District Attorney Eugenia Eyherbide and Linda Wong Kerberg of the the Health and Human Services Agency for their efforts on the county's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

## Team issues report on violence

A county panel has released its latest report on domestic violence deaths in San Diego County.

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, which was set up at the recommendation of Supervisor Pam Slater, listed in the report several common patterns in recent fatalities.

The common risks included:

- escalation of abuse prior to the victim's homicide;
- graphic threats by the perpe-

trator to kill the victim;

- victim leaving the relationship;
- temporary restraining order violations; and
- perpetrator's access to firearms.

During the next year, the team plans to examine how children are impacted by a parent's death, work more closely with other prevention organizations and develop recommendations for new policies and programs to reduce domestic violence.

## Employees' bright ideas save the County nearly \$1 million

A program that rewards County employees for money-saving ideas paid out \$62,000 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, while saving \$952,000 for taxpayers.

Awards for some of the winning ideas were presented August 1 during a ceremony at the downtown County Administration Center.

The ceremonies for winners of the Do It Better By Suggestion, or DIBBS program, are held twice each year.

Among the honorees will be John Clement of Health and Human Services, who suggested using refurbished computers for a program that teaches resume-writing skills to homeless people, instead of buying new

computers. The idea saved \$46,000, and Clement's award was \$6,303.

The highlights of the DIBBS program for 2000-2001 include the two "Suggesters of the Year":

- The maximum award under the program, \$20,000, was given to Joseph Moore, who recently retired from Public Works, for a suggestion to install electromagnetic loops instead of new traffic signals, saving \$296,000.
- Robert Winslow, of Planning and Land Use, received \$1,000 for a suggestion to create a centralized mapping system to serve County departments and the public. The suggestion saved an estimated \$221,000 in staff time.

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